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## A SEIYUKAI ATTACK

## MR. INUKAI'S SPEECH AT MASS MEETING

About three thousand people attended a general meeting of the Seiyukai members in eight Hokuriku provinces held at Kanazawa yesterday (5th instant). Addressing the meeting, Mr. Inukai, the President of the party, vigorously attacked the present Cabinet. The distressing economic conditions in this country, he said, were thoroughly discussed and revealed by Seiyukai speakers in the last session of the Diet. If the conditions prevailing at the present time are different from those ruling during the last session of the Diet, the change has been decidedly for the worse. The Government points to the decline in the adverse trade balance as a sign of returning prosperity, but the truth is that it simply indicates a decline of trade due to the loss of purchasing power. Home industries are groaning under the increasing burdens. Although prices have fallen, there has been no decrease in the cost of production. In the meantime, debts go on growing. Altogether, the whole country is now in the grips of a chronic pain. Unemployment is doubled as compared with the year before last. In no age has national and local finance been more strained. The over-estimation of revenue, of which the Seiyukai has repeatedly reminded the Government, has resulted in a big Budget deficit, and the policy of the Government now lies in a state of bankruptcy. The Government is eager to make up the anticipated revenue deficit, but has so far hit upon no good plan. It has proclaimed administrative and financial reform, it is true, but has done nothing to live up to this proclamation. In its extremity, it may be forced to raise public loans, but the flotation of loans would mean a complete failure of its financial policy.

Local finance is going from bad to worse, because the Central Government is shifting part of its financial difficulty on to local shoulders. This state of things cannot be tolerated by the Seiyukai which has for many years advocated decentralisation of power.

Referring to the so-called five year plan of the Seiyukai, Mr. Inukai said it is not intended for a mere increase of production. It aims at the rational development of the depressed industry, through the help of the State, and at the consequent increase of the nation's incomes. Its object is to encourage home production where the present imports can be reduced. Although it is called the five-year plan, it does not mean that the result of the plan appear in five years' time. From the first year of the plan, some of the results will appear, though the full results will not be reaped until after the lapse of five years. For the execution of this plan, it is necessary to reform administration and finance, reduce Government enterprises and State-owned property, revise the pension law, and economise national defence. The burden of taxation must be lessened and freights and other handicaps on industry be reduced. All this coupled with the extension of social policy, will

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gradually eliminate centralisation of power and promote the democratisation of politics.

Mr. Inukai further attacked the Government for its indifference to Japan's vested rights and interests in Manchuria and Mongolia, and rebuked it for its blunders over the Russian fishery issue.

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昭和六年八月六日 ジャパン、クロニクル紙記事ヨリ（第四頁）

## 政友會ノ政府攻撃

## 黨大會ニ於ケル犬養總裁ノ演説

昨五日金澤ニ於テ備サレタ政友會北陸八縣總會ニハ約三千ノ聴衆ガ集  
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タ。

一、前朝議會ニ於テハ政友會議員ガ當時ノ日本經濟ノ衰フベキ實狀ヲ徹  
底的ニ指摘シ勸諭シタノデアツタ。而シテ今日ノ現状ハ當時即チ前會期  
ノ頃ニ比シテ悪化コソスレ、漸ジテヨクハナツテキナイ。政府ハ貿易不  
均衡ノ増進ヲ以テ日本經濟復活ノ兆ナリトシテキルガ、實ハソレハ購買  
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増大スル重壓下ニ呻吟シテキル。物價ハ成程下落シタガ、生産原價ハ決  
シテ廉クナツテキナイ。加フルニ負債ハ益々増加シツ、アル。コレヲ要  
スルニ全日本經濟ハ慢性恐慌ニトリツカレテキルトイヘルノデアアル。

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ルコトハ未ダ會テ前例ガナイ。政友會ノ再三ノ警告ニモ拘ラズ、政府ハ  
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シテキルガ、今ニ至ルモ何等有效ナ手段ヲ講ジテキナイ。政府ハ成程行  
政並ニ財政ノ改革ヲ發表シタガ、何等ソレヲ實現シテキナイ。政府ハ窮  
余ノ一策トシテ公債ヲ募集セザルヲ得ヌコトニナルカモ知レヌ。シカシ  
公債募集トイフコトハ政府ノ財政政策ハ完全ニ失敗シタコトニ外ナラナ  
イデアラウ。

地方財政ハ益々窮迫シツツアル。何トナレバ中央政府ガソノ財政難ノ  
一部ヲ地方機關ノ負擔ニ移シテキルカラデアル。年來政權ノ地方分散ヲ  
主張シ來ツタ政友會トシテハ、カ、ル狀況ハ到底承認シ得ナイ。

更ニ政友會ノ所謂五ヶ年計畫ニ言及シ大體總裁ハ次ノ如ク論ジタ。

「コノ五ヶ年計畫ナルモノハ單ニ生産ノ増加ノミヲ目的トスルモノデ  
ハナイ。ソレハ政府ノ保護ノモトニ沈滞セル産業ヲ合理的ニ發展セシメ  
以テ國民所得ヲ増加セシメントスルモノデアル。ソノ目的ハ現在ノ輸入



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高ヲ削減シ得ルゴトク國內生産ヲ促進スルコトニアル。名前ハ「五ヶ年計畫」デアルガ、ソレダカラトイツテソノ成果ガ五年後デナケレバ現レストイツノデハナイ。勿論成果ノ全部ガ得ラレルノハ五年經過後デアルガ、ソノ一部分ハ計畫實施ノ最初ノ年ニ既ニ現レルデアラウ。而シテコノ計畫實施ノタメニハ行政及ビ財政ヲ改革シ、國家企業ノ範圍ヲ縮減シ國有財産ヲ削減シ、恩給法ヲ改正シ、國防費ヲ節減スルコトガ必要デアル。租税ノ負擔ハ軽減セラルベク、運賃ソノ他經濟ノ發展ヲ阻害スルモノハ及ブ限リ削減セラレネバナライ。上ノ如キ諸施策ニ加フルニ廣範國ノ社會政策ヲ以テスレバ、政權ノ中央集中ハ次第ニ緩和サレ、政治ノ民主化ハ促進サレルデアラウ。」

大體總款ハ更ニ政府ガ滿腹ニ於ケル日本ノ既得權益ノ保護ニ冷淡ナルコト、並ニ「ロシヤ」ノ漁業權問題ニ關スル政府ノ失態ヲ非難攻撃シタ

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